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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Summary

On September 23, 2005, the Applicant filed a Request for Reconsideration. On October 27, 2005, the Examiner sent out an Advisory Action reopening prosecution. A non-final action on the merits follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 1-6 and 14-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coutts (6,311,165) in view of Soltesz (2001/0011680).

Coutts discloses the invention substantially as claimed; however, Coutts does not disclose the controller being operable to upload from the transaction units respective run-time interpreted code units for storing in the memory or separately loading executable code for the respective code modules from the associated transaction unit

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into the memory means of the controller. In order for one to download software, it had to have been uploaded first; otherwise, it would not have been downloaded. Soltesz teaches method and corresponding system for a kiosk capable of handling multiple transactions comprising a controller operable to upload from the transaction units respective run-time interpreted code units for storing in the memory (p.3, 34) and separately loading executable code for the respective code modules from the associated transaction unit into the memory means of the controller (p.3, 34). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the controller being operable to upload from the transaction units respective run-time interpreted code units for storing in the memory and separately loading executable code for the respective code modules from the associated transaction unit into the memory means of the controller, as taught by Soletsz into the invention disclosed by Coutts, to enable the addition of new units.

Claims 7-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coutts in view of Korman (6,318,536).

Coutts discloses the invention substantially as claimed; however, Coutts does not disclose enabling validation of currency. Korman discloses a method and corresponding system for a multi-transaction machine comprising enabling validation of currency (col.12, lines 10-25). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the system was made to enable currency validation, as taught by Korman into the invention disclosed by Coutts, to prevent fraud.

Response to Arguments

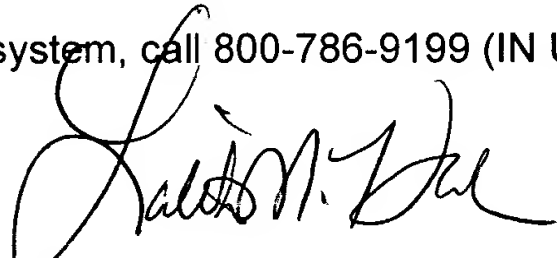
Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lalita M. Hamilton whose telephone number is (571) 272-6743. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday (6:30-2:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Trammel James can be reached on (571) 272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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